

## **Education and Workforce Development Cabinet**

# **Gov. Beshear presents \$1 million to KET for education projects**

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FRANKFORT, Ky. – Gov. Steve Beshear today awarded \$1 million to Kentucky Educational Television (KET) for a statewide GED preparation program and professional development for adult educators who prepare students take the GED. The programs are in response to new more rigorous GED Tests that will be launched in January 2012.

The funds from Gov. Beshear's Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Statewide Reserve will enable KET to prepare for changes in the test and to enroll more GED and basic skills learners per year. Students will use KET's GED series at home with workbooks, videos, online lessons and personal support by phone and mail. Adult educators will be trained to use these resources and to prepare students for the new GED Tests.

"Kentucky has over 750,000 adults without a high school diploma. Taking and passing the GED is essential for helping Kentuckians obtain a better quality of life," said Gov. Beshear. "These programs will give people another avenue to obtain a GED and give adult educators the professional tools they need to help their students."

The completion of high school is a minimum requirement for most jobs and is also required for accessing postsecondary education.

"In addition to enhancing KET's GED preparation program for Kentucky students, this grant will enable us to provide professional development training for adult educators, helping them prepare for the new GED Tests coming in the next couple of years," said Mac Wall, KET executive director. "We are very appreciative to Governor

Beshear for his support of KET and, through this grant, his support for the state's adult learners and educators."

WIA funds are federal dollars from the U.S. Department of Labor. They are administered by the Kentucky Department of Workforce Investment's Office of Employment and Training in the Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet.

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